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SUBJECT: IFAD/ECOSOC NEGOTIATIONS

FOR WELLS FROM FRANK

1. DELEGATION SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF AGREEMENT AS NOW
SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS. OUR VERY STRONG
PREFERENCE IS TO HAVE THIS REPEAT THIS SESSION OF THE
ECOSOC AT LEAST PROVISIONALLY APPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP
AGREEMENT. YOU CAN INDICATE THAT THE TEXT WAS FULLY
DISCUSSED AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND WITH
REPRESENTATIVES FROM IFAD, AND IT NOW REPRESENTS A TEXT
THAT SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE UN AND THE FUND.

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2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED, HOWEVER, BY TWO
RESERVATIONS INDICATED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE. THE DELEGATION SHOULD ADAMANTLY
OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO STRIKE THE WORD "INDEPENDENT"
OUT OF ARTICLE 4, PARA 2. AUTONOMY IN DECIDING HOW
ITS FINANCING OPERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IS A
FUNDAMENTAL PILLAR OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. IF

THERE IS AN EFFORT TO STRIKE THE WORD "INDEPENDENT"
THE DELEGATION SHOULD VOTE NO. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ALL
THE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY DONORS AND MOST OF THE

OPEC DONORS WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR VIEW.

3. CONCERNING THE ALGERIAN PROPOSAL TO REPLACE THE
WORDS "IN ARTICLE 55" BY THE WORDS "CHAPTERS IX, XI,
XII" IN ARTICLE 11 OF THE PROPOSED TEXT, WE STRONGLY
PREFER THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE. IF NECESSARY YOU SHOULD
ASK FOR A VOTE, ABSTAIN AND MAKE A STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

WHILE WE FAVOR THE FUNDAMENTAL PRECEPTS LAID DOWN IN
UN CHARTER CHAPTERS IX, XI, AND XII, WE FEEL IT
IS INAPPROPRIATE TO INTRODUCE THESE CHAPTERS INTO THE
RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BY THE IFAD AND THE UNITED
NATIONS. BEFORE THE IFAD ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WERE
CONSIDERED AND APPROVED THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT TO
BROADEN THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS WERE FULLY CONSIDERED.
AT THAT TIME A CLEAR DECISION WAS MADE TO LIMIT IFAD'S
LENDING ONLY TO DEVELOPING STATES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE
FUND OR TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH SUCH
MEMBERS PARTICIPATE. GIVEN THE TEXT WE NOW HAVE
DELEGATION WOULD HAVE PREFERRED AN ARTICLE WHICH READ
"WITHIN THE FIELD OF ITS COMPETENCE AND BASED UPON ITS
AGREEMENT THE FUND WILL CONSIDER HOW APPROPRIATELY IT
WILL COOPERATE AND RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED
NATIONS AS THE LATTER MAY REQUEST UNDER ITS CHAPTER,
PARTICULARLY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES
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AND PURPOSES SET FORTH IN CHAPTERS IX, XI, XII."

4. THE DELEGATION SHOULD VOTE NO ON THE OVERALL AGREE-
MENT IF THE WORD INDEPENDENT (OR AUTONOMOUS) IS NOT
INCLUDED IN ARTICLE 4 PARA 2. THE DELEGATION CAN VOTE
YES FOR THE ENTIRE TEXT IF ARTICLE 11 IS AMENDED
PROVIDED THE STATEMENT MADE IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE
WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE ECOSOC'S FINAL REPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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